

NEWARK CORE
806 BERGEN STREET
NEWARK NEW JERSEY

The Action Committee met on August 6, 1961. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM. Present were Clarence Pace, Harry Smith, Mrs. Frances Ford, Nelson Hannah, Norman Simpson, and Donald Carter.

Mr. Smith explained Mrs. Ford's case. Mrs. Ford was arrested for trying to explain to police that they were arresting the wrong person in connection with another police brutality case. Mr. Pace stated that Mrs. Ford's case should be tied in with Mr. Hannah's case in any decisions made on arousing public interest.

Mr. Smith then proceeded to phone Mayor Carlin's Executive Secretary, Clyde Mitchell concerning the Hannah and Ford cases, to arrange a meeting with the Mayor. Mr. Smith explained the relation of CORE with the above cases and police brutality. He said that if the mayor can't offer Negroes protection, he does not deserve to be mayor.

Mr. Pace said that he intended to contact the mayor the next day. Mr. Smith suggested that he give Mitchell a chance. Mrs. Ford said that the mayor will always find something more urgent.

Mr. Smith indicated that Mitchell would be in court the next day. The mayor depends on sufficient votes from Negroes. There are two main groups in the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ CITY, and they comprise 70% of the total voting power. Carlin must get the Negro vote. He added that Jews in the South ward and migrating and being replaced by Negroes. He upheld publicizing the Hannah and Ford cases.

Mrs. Ford asked Mr. Hannah how Hazelwood could have found him guilty. Hannah said that his attitude was that the police could do no wrong.

Mr. Hannah then gave an account of the judge's decision.

An essay for the leaflets was then read by Mr. Carter.

It was suggested by Norman Simpson that Harry Hazelwood's name be deleted. He said that we shouldn't attack a Negro judge.

Mr. Pace said that the citizens cannot tolerate this type of thing and Hazelwood should have done what was right and found Hannah innocent. He said that Hazelwood was no better than the rest. If this is the kind of a judge he is, we don't want him even if he is a Negro.

Mrs. Ford pointed out that she helped Hazelwood get his job and that he would not be on her case.

Mr. Smith then suggested that the word "tyrrany" be replaced with the word "intimidation". This was done.

Mr. Pace suggested that we should involve other officials.

Mr. Smith agreed and said that we should ask other officials to back us up on political terms. He suggested a "Help us or we won't back you" policy. He said he would get form letters from each councilman and the basic question will regard police brutality.

Mr. Simpson said that he would get press releases from the Afro and the Post.

Mr. Smith told Mr. Simpson to give everything to the news papers, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem, because every thing is pertinent, let the news paper decide what they'll print. He said that the NAACP in Newark is dormant and afraid to touch police brutality. Also, Norris, the president, is one of the most brutal in the police. He said that the NAACP needs prodding. They have not made a touch-down in any project yet. He itemized several fields in which the NAACP has failed.

Mr. Pace asked Mrs. Ford to give him a written statement and said that he would call Ted Postman the next day.

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The following procedures were then discussed:

PICKET LINES:

Mr. Pace suggested bringing in Essex CORE and other organizations. He added that Mr. Hannah definitely should be on the picket line.

Mr. Simpson ~~felt~~ that the word "Negro" should not be on placards. He mentioned the feelings of Lois Cameron that we discriminated. It was finally decided that we should fight for Negro rights and that the word "Negro" will be on placards. He mentioned that a radio announcement to the effect that we are picketing City Hall would be helpfull.

LEAFLETS:

Mrs. Ford suggested Charles Bernardo of Crawford Street and James Sneed of the City Hall as printers.

It was decided to let Rev. Benton get the printing done by Holmes.

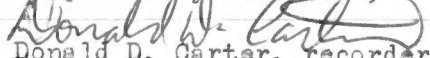
All other arrangements would be made at the general meeting on Tuesday.

The following program was established for the general meeting of NEWARK CORE, to be held on August 8, 1961.:

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Role call
3. Minutes
4. Treasury report
5. Committees reports;
 - a. Membership comm.
 - b. Publicity "
 - c. Educational " (Mr. Hubert)
 - d. Action "
6. Police brutality proceedings.
7. Collection of dues
9. Meeting adjourned.

Suggestion: Read CORE RULES OF ACTION between 5 & 6. (Before lining up pickets)

Respectfully submitted,


Donald D. Carter, recorder.